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1. On 24 March 1954, vehicles leaving the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) and Pionier Kaserne (5442), Rathenow, toward Berliner Strasse - Neue Schleuse (new lock) included: 8 trucks towing 4 x 100-mm to 120-mm mortars, about 10 trucks with equipment, about 10 trucks occupied by troops carrying full field pack, 1 jeep and 1 field kitchen.

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2. On 25 March, about 10 trucks towing 6 light 76-mm field guns, and 4 x 122-mm field howitzers [] entered the Pionier Kaserne. In the afternoon on 25 March, the gun sheds were occupied to capacity by 76-mm and 122-mm guns.

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3. [] 16 x 76-mm and 122-mm guns, 1 jeep, 2 radio trucks, 1 field kitchen and 6 trucks carrying equipment []

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[] left the Pionier Kaserne toward Brandenburg-Berlin. [] the troops left for maneuvers and that they would leave for summer camps only between 17 and 20 April.

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[] Comment. It is undetermined for which purpose elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US) and the 18th How Arty Brig (US) left the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne, respectively. The troops may have left for march practices, the more as the unit which left on 24 March proceeded toward west and the unit which left on 26 March, proceeded toward southeast. The statement by informant, according to which the troops were to leave for summer camps, probably at Alten-grabow, between 17 and 20 April, appears credible, as, in 1953, the troops left Rathenow between 19 and 22 April.

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